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Hearing Officer  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
At. Nogles, Arizona**Re; Hearing; Citizens Utilities  
Rate Increase**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen

I am naturally opposed to any rate increase for a community that already suffers from one of the highest rates in the State of Arizona. I am also compelled to comment about the unnecessary interference against Citizen Utilities and Unisource by City of Nogales municipal administrators. In fact I find the activities by the Mayor, The Nogales City Council and their "experts" even more frightening then the proposed rate increase.

I am a fourth generation Nogalian and owner of a consulting engineering firm. I have served on the local school board twice and my father was Mayor of Nogales for eight years. We discuss these issues, are concerned and agree that the City of Nogales should not be involved in ownership of any electrical or gas utility company.

The rush to purchase the utility company is a runaway train conducted by Hugh Holub, an attorney who from my experience and in my opinion is a person without scruples or character. A year ago Holub wanted to personally franchise utility service's for this area as head of the "Maestros Group" whose effort was flawed and failed. Something similar is being promoted by Holub and this time by using a very malleable and poorly adviced mayor and council. The scare tactic used to justify the City's purchase of the utility company is the proposed rate increase of 22%.

I request the Arizona Corporation Commission do whatever it can to prevent the City of Nogales from becoming involved in ownership of this utility company.

Sincerely

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